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In re: DOL FOIA Request Number FY2019- 875982

Good day Ms. Lipton:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of May 2, 2019 in which you requested the following information:

(1. Department of Labor, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, (ILAB's) staffing orders, reports, contacts and plans for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 including employee count for offices responsible for processing responses to FOIA requests and the number of appeals submitted to this Bureau and its offices. In addition, you requested the total number of hours worked for FOIA personnel.)

Our thorough records search of Department of Labor, (DOL), Bureau of International Labor Affairs, (ILAB) agency records yielded nothing responsive pertaining to your request. The Department of Labor publishes the Annual FOIA report with a listing of DOL FOIA coordinators and their contact information which is located on DOL website:

<https://dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/legacy-files/documents/general/budget/CBJ-2017-V2-13.pdf>;

<https://dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/legacy-files/documents/general/budget/CBJ-2018-V2-13.pdf>;

<https://dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/legacy-files/documents/general/budget/CBJ-2019-V2-13.pdf>.

You will find information related to fee collections, FOIA contacts within Department of Labor and the Chief FOIA Officers Report located at: <https://www.dol.gov/general/FOIA>.

There were no fees associated with the processing of this FOIA request were minimal therefore, there are no fees for this request. ILAB had no appeals submitted for the years 2017 through 2019.

Please contact ILAB's FOIA Coordinator, Ms. Kia Gaskins at gaskins.kia.d@dol.gov or 202.693.4903 or the FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Thomas Hicks at hicks.thomas@dol.gov or 202.693.5427 if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of your request.

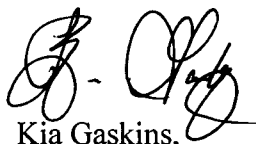
Alternatively, you may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) within the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) to inquire about the mediation services that they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of

Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740-6001. You can also reach that office via email at ogis@nara.gov, by phone at 202.741.5770 or via fax at 202.741.5769 or calling toll-free at 1.877.684.6448.

Although no records were located during our search, you have the right to appeal a “no records” response. You may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter if you are not satisfied with the response to this request. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number as well as a copy of the initial request and a copy of this letter. The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked “Freedom of Information Act Appeal.” Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision.

The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division Management Administrative Legal Services U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, Room N2420, Washington D.C., 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to foiaappeal@dol.gov. Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kia Gaskins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kia Gaskins,
FOIA Coordinator